

In the Specification:

At page 7, please amend the last paragraph beginning at line 28 as follows:

"This device has now been adapted to have a further groove 4 separate from and running around the periphery of the pattern of grooves 2. This further groove 4 is filled with a second gel 5 which extends along most of the length of the groove 4, but does not extend around the entire groove. The gel 5 is anchored in position at a first end 7 by anchoring means such as a spike 9 and has an opposing free end [[7]] 6. A marker 8 is provided adjacent to the groove 4 at a certain distance behind the free end [[7]] 6."

So that the amended paragraph reads:

"This device has now been adapted to have a further groove 4 separate from and running around the periphery of the pattern of grooves 2. This further groove 4 is filled with a second gel 5 which extends along most of the length of the groove 4, but does not extend around the entire groove. The gel 5 is anchored in position at a first end 7 by anchoring means such as a spike 9 and has an opposing free end 6. A marker 8 is provided adjacent to the groove 4 at a certain distance behind the free end 6."

At page 8, please amend the last paragraph beginning at line 6 as follows:

"In use when the device is activated, for example by removing a protective foil from the back of the device which covers both the pattern of grooves 2 and the further groove 4, or by removing the entire device from an air-tight container, the second gel 5 begins to shrink, such that the free end 6 moves towards the marker 8. Eventually, the free end [[7]] 6 will reach the marker 8 to provide an end-of-life indication."

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So that the amended paragraph reads:

"In use when the device is activated, for example by removing a protective foil from the back of the device which covers both the pattern of grooves 2 and the further groove 4, or by removing the entire device from an air-tight container, the second gel 5 begins to shrink, such that the free end 6 moves towards the marker 8. Eventually, the free end 6 will reach the marker 8 to provide an end-of-life indication."